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## GAY CONFERENCE

A Gay Conference was held Sunday afternoon (Oct. 14) from 2 to 6 PM at the Charles Street Meeting House at 70 Charles St. For the first half of the session, representatives from MCC (Metropolitan Community Church), HCHS (Homophile Community Health Service), and BGY (Boston Gay Youth) were present, distributing free leaflets, newsletters, information, and answering questions in an effort to better acquaint gays with the various gay organizations and services currently existing in Boston. The second half was devoted to rap sessions, of which seven groups had been planned. Due largely to the small turnout (about 30 people), only four groups actually got together - Women's Rap, Parents of Gays, Media, and Hold Hands Men and Women.

The Women's Rap was the largest group, numbering 20 or 30 women. At the outset, a discussion occurred concerning news-persons and methods of recording news events. It was agreed by the women in the rap group that there would not be tape recorders nor male reporters permitted during the rap. Some of the women present raised the rather interesting point that this kind of separatism is badly suited to the times, when it is to be hoped that all gay people see the need and desirability of working together to achieve what are, despite differences of sex and priorities, common goals: i.e., the consciousness-raising of a sexist and basically misled, ill-informed society.

The Gay Parents group, with discussion leader Paul Shanley, was interesting for several reasons, not least of which being the fact that no parents were present.

The problems of younger homosexuals dealing or not-dealing with their homosexuality vis-a-vis their parents, family and straight friends were discussed, and the fact that much harm can be done to young people who are legally under the absolute control of their parents, people often misin-

formed and prone to drastic measures. Other topics such as homosexual marriage and gay-straight relationships were also talked about with Father Shanley, a Roman Catholic priest who has been involved in many worthy projects such as runaway and crash places, and drug counselling centers in Boston.

The Media group, with Ian Johnson of the GCN staff and Loretta Lotman of Gay Media Action (GMA), were talking about the need for fair and more extensive news coverage of activities and news in the straight press. The need for reactions from gays to offensive or misleading articles, or simply the lack of any coverage at all, was stressed.

The Men and Women's group, with Bob Dow, discussed a variety of topics: problems of love and commitment (the two middle-aged men in the group have been lovers for 21 years), coming out, and other problems common to men and women.

## ABC HITS 1270

The 1270, a local gay bar, has been partially closed until further notice by order of the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverage Commission. On October 15th ABC Commissioner Stanley R. Lapon ruled the popular watering-place in violation of three of the five charges brought against it by ABC investigators.

GCN reported on Sept. 22 that the bar had been briefly closed when the ABC erroneously charged Bob White, the bar's manager, with failing to appear at a hearing to which, the Board alleged, he had been duly summoned. At that time, ABC Inspectors Essenhimer and Barletta charged the 1270 with "forcing" customers to purchase "specific amounts of alcoholic beverages" by requiring patrons to purchase \$2.00 tickets to enter the establishment, the tickets being exchangeable for two drinks. Additionally, they charged the bar with two counts of serving alcohol in unauthorized areas of the building, with one count of "inadequate dining facilities," and with one count of being under "unauthorized" man-

The Brockton newspaper, "The Enterprise", reported two more arrests at the West Bridgewater rest area on Route 24. As before, "The Enterprise" published the full names, ages, and addresses of the individuals involved. One exception was the omission of the occupations and places of work of the two men arrested.

In response to GCN's original article about the Brockton 11, an anonymous caller who identified himself as "one who had undergone the same treatment 7 years ago", reported that he had called the "Enterprise" to ask why the arrested person's names, addresses, etc. were made public. The "Enterprise" spokesman, who refused to identify himself, said that "they were criminals and

agement. A hearing, originally scheduled for Oct. 1, was postponed until Oct. 15th at the request of the bar's attorney, Henry Sontag.

When contacted by GCN, Bob White confirmed that such charges had been brought by the ABC, but said that food is served at the 1270 and that all three floors of the 1270 possessed fire safety certification. Defending the ticket system, he claimed that, like other bars in the Boston area, the 1270 is entitled to a reasonable "return on investment," and vigorously denied any allegation that the \$2.00 fee is "ripping off" the gay community of which he, as a gay bar operator, is a part.

The hearing before Commissioner Lapon was attended by Atty. Sontag, by Chester Wolfe, the bar's owner of record, and by a GCN reporter. The Commissioner, for administrative reasons, dismissed the charges concerning the ticket system and also the one concerning food services. Regarding the charge of improperly licensed management, the Commissioner found Mr. Wolfe to be

should be treated as such." He added that it was the usual procedure to publish this information and that he (the "Enterprise" spokesman) did not have to talk to the caller. He then hung up.

The interested party called the "Enterprise" office again and this time reached a person who seemed more responsive. This spokesman said that the editor felt that since the Brockton public knew who these persons arrested were, particularly the teachers, the position of the paper was unassailable. The anonymous caller to the GCN stated that he was sending a list of persons and organizations to contact for help (such as the American Civil Liberties Union) to the 13 men who have thus far been arrested.

### OPEN PLEA TO THE SPAGHETTI FREAKS OF THE WORLD

Well folks the time is near and much spaghetti must be sold to make my dinner a success. If you haven't bought a ticket yet please do so as soon as possible so I'll know how many to cook for. Remember, it's on Sat., Oct. 20, at 7:00 PM and for \$2.50 you can have the pleasure of watching your favorite persons eat some sensual spaghetti! Please come.

Much love..... Anthony

the only person licensed to manage the bar and upheld the charge. Mr. White will, however, by permitted to continue to act as manager while he fulfills the requirements for licensing.

More importantly for patrons of the 1270, the establishment agreed to close the bar in the basement and the dance floor and bar on the third floor, since the Commissioner found that only the first floor was properly licensed to sell liquor. These sections of the bar will be closed until the complex process of licensing these areas has been completed.



# M.C.C. Womens Festival Success...

The Women's Festival at the Old West Church last Saturday was a huge success. The Metropolitan Community Church's Open House included music, poetry and art. A community painting, which each woman was invited to add to, ended up as quite a remarkable piece of art. There was also available material for finger painting, and many women were seen creating their own masterpieces. Poetry was read by the Reverend Freda Smith. Her earlier work, dealing with coming out in a small town and the harassment she suffered, and her "Dear Dora/Dangerous Derek Diesel Dyke" were the main first readings. She was followed by Meredith Golden, Jesse Mavro and Mary Damon who read some beautifully poignant and angry poetry. Several women were playing guitar and harmonizing. There were art displays by several local prominent artists, and even a demonstration on how to make frames for pictures. A photograph collection of nature scenes and a barrel for bobbing for apples were additional displays. There was a very good turn-out for the MCC-sponsored affair. Following the Open House a dinner was held and a film was shown, "Therese and Isabelle." There was an average of 40 sisters at the Church all day, and as many as 60 women were in attendance at times.

## D.O.B. ELECTS

On Sunday, October 14th, the election of officers of the Daughters of Bilitis was held at 419 Boylston Street. The largest turnout in any DOB election was recorded, with a total of 55 voters, including proxies. The new President of DOB is Sherri Barden. Sherri's opponent was Andrea Gillespie. Both candidates were asked questions from the floor, including their opinions on bisexuality and lesbian mothers, and their respective definitions on leadership. Both Sherri and Andrea agreed that an important goal of DOB is to work with other women's groups and gay men in the community. Paula Doherty is the new Vice-President. She was nominated from the floor and won over Wendy Bauman. Both candidates for this office were very active and dedicated members of DOB. The treasurer is Geri Bidwell, who has done such a tremendous job in that position in the past. There were no other declared candidates for treasurer, nor for the offices of Recording Secretary and Corres-

## G.C.N. INTERVIEWS REV. SMITH

Last weekend the Metropolitan Community Church of Boston was honored by the presence of the Reverend Freda Smith, who flew in from Sacramento, California for the MCC's Women's Festival. The Rev. Smith is not only the first ordained woman minister in the Church, she is also on the Governing Board of Fellowship and is an elected Elder.

Speaking of the reasons why gays flock to the Church (15,000 members and 55 churches in just 5 years) the Pastor of the Sacramento congregation said, "There was nowhere to go before the MCC was founded. Many gays find themselves as a part of a religion which wants no part of them. They are accustomed to deception in all aspects of their lives (jobs, society, etc.) And that deception is carried to their religions, where they are forced to cover up also. I feel that since we will all be to-

gether someday in heaven, the best place to start that togetherness is in the MCC." The Reverend Smith is the Chairperson of the California Commission on Sexual Reform, which is in the process of writing up a bill calling for the repeal of the sodomy laws and related laws. In her fight for the decriminalization bill, Rev. Smith has read her poem, "Dear Dora/Dangerous Derek Diesel Dyke" on the floor of the California State Senate. "Dear Dora..." is now being used as a text in the training classes of future ministers in the MCC. The Reverend is also a senior at California State Univ. at Sacramento. She is majoring in psychology with a minor in women's studies. The highlights of the Boston MCC's Women's Festival were the poetry readings by the Reverend during the Saturday afternoon Open House, where her reading

of "Dear Dora...", the tragedy of a "Workday straight, weekend lesbian", and some of her other poetry enchanted the audience. On the next day, the Reverend preached at the Feminist Liturgy at the Old West Church, and a reception was held for her in the Fellowship Hall.



## UNITARIAN GAY CAUCUS

On the weekend of October 6th to 8th, gay members of the Unitarian Universalist Church throughout the United States and Canada met in Boston to discuss the organization of an Office of Gay Affairs. One year ago a resolution was passed by the Unitarian Gay Caucus that called for an office that would contend with the alienation between gays and the Church and that would establish a system of communication within the congregations. The Gay Caucus is responsible for the handling of gays coming out in the Church. Margaret Herrick, of the Church and a member of the Now Speakers Bureau, said that the Caucus last weekend defined the specific duties of the Office of Gay Affairs. They are:

1. Communications throughout the Church via U.U. World, lay leadership workshops, publications from the Church of the Larger Fellowship, Ministers, denominational officers and an O.G.A. Monthly Newsletter, among others.

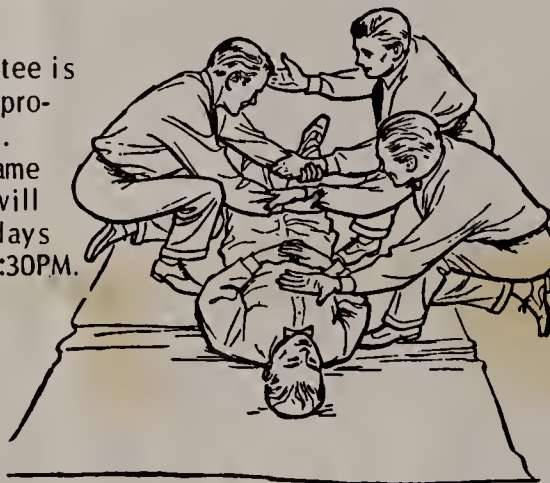
2. Look into the possibilities of a denominational conference on human sexuality.

3. Give direct support to individual gays isolated from the Gay Community and alienated from their congregation.

4. Identify and recommend solutions to problems within the denomination relating to Gay issues.

The Office of Gay Affairs will also initiate a U.U. United Nations Office dedicated to work toward the rights of gay people in each national jurisdiction and will form a Joint Washington Office of Social Concerns to push for inclusion of Gay rights in those Federal laws pertaining to Civil Rights. At the Conference, a job description for the person who will be hired to head the O.G.A. was also drawn up. On the weekend of Oct. 26-28, the Caucus will meet again to further the aims of the Gay Community within the Church.

The Gay Defense Committee is now back in operation after procuring a new judo instructor. With the new and colorful name "Pansy Platoon", lessons will be given free of charge Sundays at 6:00PM and Mondays at 7:30PM.



## DANCES REVAMPED

The Friday night dances at the Charles Street Meeting House are now officially being run by the Social Action Committee of the Charles Street Universalist Church. The Social Action Committee was chartered by the Board of Trustees of the Church, and is forming from leaders of various gay groups to handle surplus revenue.

At last Friday night's dance, a leaflet was being handed out to the crowd of people who came to hear "Whitch", the all-women's band. The leaflet warned against unverified reports of conspicuous breaches of decorum, namely:

ponding Secretary, but anyone's name could be written on the ballot who is a member of DOB. Loi J. is the recording secretary and the office of corresponding secretary is held by Laura Robin McMurry.

booze, pot, and nudity. No one in the large crowd knew quite what was going on and decided to forget their fears and have a good time. That was probably the reason why few people were aware of a short visit by a police officer who had received a false call stating that alcohol was being sold at the dance. Rev. Randy Gibson accompanied the policeman upstairs. Also, five firemen wandered in unofficially to inspect the safety precautions.

Rev. Gibson said, "booze and pot is getting out of hand, getting beyond tolerable limits. And some people are acting worse at the dances than they would be allowed to do at the bars."

The Social Action Committee would like to see "broad-based interest in community input" and is especially eager to attract gay women to reach out to a very viable and important segment of the community.



# DID YOU SEE?

by Laura McMurry

TIME MAGAZINE October 8, p. 73: The Lavender Panthers, a group of two dozen gays, patrol the streets of San Francisco armed with chains, etc., to stop beatings of gays.

BOSTON GLOBE October 9: Ann Landers again. After describing (in rather favorable terms, too) the costumes and chants at this year's Chicago gay pride parade, "Freaked Out" concluded "If those people are normal and healthy, than I wanna be sick". Ann replied, "...What you describe sounds like the lunatic fringe. Many homosexuals are dignified, soft-spoken people. The

only real difference between them and us is that they prefer as sex partners members of their own gender."

Boston, October 11: Football tackle Rosey Grier appeared at Jordan Marsh's to autograph copies of his book ROSEY GRIER NEEDLEPOINT BOOK FOR MEN (\$8.95). The BOSTON GLOBE commented editorially (October 9), "Is it too much to suggest that Roosevelt Grier may have started something that will bring men closer to women and closer to other men, too, and make the world a better place to live in?"

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## FOCUS ON:

Community Sex information is a non-profit research and educational organization offering free counseling on sex-related problems.

Boston has one of the two CSI professional sex counseling switchboards. Questions on any sexual topic, such as homosexuality, oral sex, masturbation, impotence, venereal disease, etc., will be dealt with.

CSI has also held a series of lectures in the Boston area. One series concerned the alternative life-styles offered in today's society. Everything from group and swinging sex to child-free marriages was discussed. Another eight-week program consisted of two series of lectures dealing

with human sexuality. One talk concerning homosexuality was given by Dr. Richard C. Pillard, Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Boston University School of Medicine.

CSI receives over 1,000 calls for help each month. People have been referred to social agencies and physicians by the professionally trained volunteers when further counseling is needed.

Some of America's most renowned sex therapists have recognized that CSI's work is of immense importance.

CSI is also planning a network of walk-in sex information facilities.

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### THE JILL CHILL

by W. Emerson Smith

Jill Johnston spoke at the University of Mass., Amherst, Sept. 25th, in the distinguished visitors program.

She laughed, talked about a new tee shirt she had traded with a sister lesbian to show her contempt for private property, coughed to ease her vocal cords and read a chapter from her latest book, *The Lesbian Nation*.

All five or six hundred people were hypnotized by her rambling prose punctuated only by the appropriate laughter of recognition. Her stream of consciousness format told of her frustrating pubescent years in a tacky suburbia community in South Carolina. It was the fifties and no-one ever spoke about important things — things that mattered especially to little Jill Johnston neophyte lesbian.

Head slightly bent toward her book, she showed obvious disregard for audience reaction. She confessed of early sexual experiences that everybody had but no-one thought or talked about; color her Eisenhower grey. Then came college and Jill see-sawed sexually in search of her identity. She went from woman to man to woman to

woman which was the only redeeming virtue in her university process. She came out in the sixties and conveyed how important coming out was and is.

Following the prose selection, she accepted questions from the audience. Her posture from this point on was theatrically demeaning. Anyone, male or female, who she interpreted as conveying ideas from the male oriented culture were quickly put down. She referred to all moles as boys and explained that man was technology, space ships and presidents and thus her and women's enemy. She made it clear that women will never be free of the male mutate culture until women are all lesbians.

In response to a question about mole gays from a sympathetic faggot, she said "Ted Kennedy and Allan Ginsberg — they're all the same." A protest rang-out from her otherwise approving audience. She continued, "Ginsberg flies in airplanes doesn't he." One guy to my right jumped up and yelled "he drives a car." Her exaggeration bothered many, was calculated and as a lesbian feminist spokeswoman was timely and necessary. By attacking on American male folk hero figure, she forced most of her audience to re-evaluate their thinking. I know.

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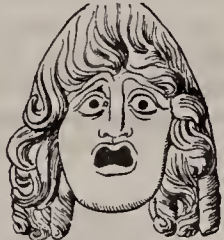


## •NOTICES•

On October 28th, HUB will have its elections. Miss New Hampshire 1974 will be a special guest at the meeting. Members are urged to attend and to vote for the person of their choice for each office.

The Gay Craft Guild will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 24, at the CSMH. The recently formed guild offers an opportunity for gay craftspeople to share ideas and craft techniques, to work together on crafts, to pool effort in buying materials and selling finished items, and to just enjoy being together. All gay people interested in doing (or learning about) pottery, macrame, weaving, sewing, or any other handicraft, are invited to the meeting. For more information, call Jerry at 738-0428.

MCC DISTRICT CONFERENCE IV will take place next weekend in Providence, Rhode Island, at Pastor Cazeault's church. Rev. Troy Perry will be the guest preacher. Check the NEWSLETTER for transportation arrangements. There will be the usual evening worship at the Boston church next Sunday at 7:00PM. The Providence congregation will celebrate its official chartering ceremony and they are presently purchasing their own church building. Please pray for success in this important venture for them.



**WOW! That was mor than I expected. I am sorry for errors; there are a few but there isn't time to correct at this late hour.**

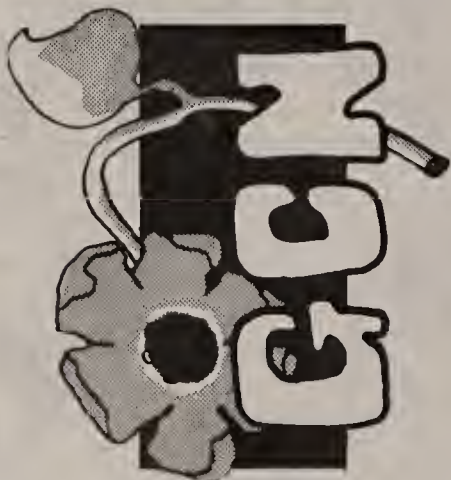
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# REACT!!

Last weekend's Boston Gay Conference evoked mixed feelings from many of its participants. In a multifaceted effort of this kind, it is nearly impossible to completely satisfy all, or perhaps most of the people involved. Little argument would arise about the excellence of the idea to combine the MCC's Women's Festival and GCC's workshop plans into the over-all event of a gay conference. Perhaps now is the time for gay men and gay women to work together and learn more about each other. Such were among the objectives of the Conference

Unfortunately, the publicity coverage was uneven. It appeared from the press releases that the conference was primarily an MCC sponsored Women's Festival. Again, it was a regrettable oversight that all of the various events were not given equal or fuller write-ups in the media. This has been attributed to the lack of sheer person-power behind the build-up and organization of the Boston Gay Conference. Also, it appears that many women in the Women's Rap were unwilling to extend the feeling of solidarity to gay men. The device for homogeneity is understandable but one of the ideals of the conference was cooperation between the sexes as well as between gays and straights. When doors of learning are shut, people should not be surprised at "other people's" ignorance and misinformation.

The need for cooperation and harmony between gay people of both sexes is vital to our progress as aware, sensitive individuals. Hopefully, when another Boston Gay Conference takes place, the evidence of learning from the last week's conference will be strong. Men and women, especially gays, function badly in a common event when they function as separatists. As Rev. Freda Smith emphasized, "Onward...as one."

## REACTIONS:

To the Editor:

I have enjoyed reading "The View from the Closet" by A. Nolder Gay. In his column he shows a great deal of perception and sensitivity toward personal relationships, but as A. Nolder Straight..., I feel I must comment on his recent article, CALL ME ISHMAEL. I would like to think that Ishmael found in Queequeg the kind of love which most fully completed his needs as a person. This is not an exclusively gay experience as it can happen in either gay or straight relationships. When it happens, it is most beautiful and it does "broaden into a love for all mankind" because it frees one up to love others in an unselfish way. Until we are able to find this kind of love, gay or straight, white or black, we are all outcasts. We are all in this together because we are all people and it is our world.

Just call me Carol

A.N.G appreciates both kudos and commentary. The column in question attempted to draw out some implications explicitly for gays from Ishmael's story, not from someone else's story or the implications of Ishmael's experience for non-gays. Nothing in this column should be construed as denying the validity of alternative paths to the same destination. We are indeed all people struggling through the same mutually interdependent world.

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**NOTE: The first letter was sent to me by the first woman (outside of Boston) I came out to. I received it the morning of Boston's Gay Pride March. The second letter is my response to her. As must seem obvious, the woman believes herself very psychic. Scotty is a mutual acquaintance of ours who I once (alas) dated and who is also a self-proclaimed psychic. Most names and places have been changed to avoid embarrassment and lawsuits.**

Loretta Lotman

## My Dear Lori:

I can feel your anguish. Across the miles, I can feel the pain and confusion engulfing you. I feel guilty about not writing this sooner, but you can understand the circumstances. Also, my "guidance" seemed to indicate that you could survive til now. This has been a very bad period in your life — but now things must change. I have all the answers; you must simply decide whether or not you believe in me.

To start with, you are *not*, I repeat, definitely *not* gay. You are a very warm, loving, sexually responsive person. But you are neither gay nor bisexual. The basic problem is your attachment to Jimmy. I could feel the basic problem when I wrote you that long confessional letter, but I did not know how to pinpoint the situation. There is a form of madness that comes from the irrational loss of a deeply beloved. To lose the man you love, especially when he still seems to love you, has got to be the most painful thing in the world. Because he loves you, you want to mold yourself to the image of his ideals. But because he is gone, you strike out trying to find a surrogate for all the emotion pouring out of you. You are feeling more than a little lost because you feel that Jimmy has left you emotionally due to his relationship with the other man. And the aspect of bisexuality is Jimmy's idea, not yours. You are seeking refuge. The fact that you have engaged in and enjoyed a gay relationship does not mean you are gay. You are vibrant and hungry for life and love. With a healthy sexual appetite, you naturally respond to tender passion even though it is from a woman. This is *not*, however, your destiny.

Quite frankly, my dear, you have been allowed the last few years to explore and sow wild oats in. I am afraid that we should have watched you more closely to have saved you some unhappiness. But we wanted you to have full freedom and to gain a perspective for your intended role. You have done a lot, experienced a lot and learned a lot. But now, we want to get you back on the track, for there is so much awaiting you.

There is a little idea bud that was planted in my head that has reached full bloom. It is a little mental picture — a picture of the man you will marry. When I read your letter, that picture popped into my mind full bloom, along with details. He is real and waiting for you. Now, as Scotty has told you, he may be Jewish. He looks it, but not in an "obvious" way. If one were to choose the 100 Jewish men in all of history (recorded and un) who by their wholeness and integrity of soul would be best suited to be the father of the Messiah, he would be in the top 25. That is how fantastic he is. And it is extremely desirable to us that you be his mate. Not in the breeding sense (though that might be fortuous (sic) — that has not yet been made clear to me) but in the sense of a companion — stimulus — partner.

Now it is important for you to keep in mind (and I do not mean to be cruel) that it is only desirous for you to be with him. He is going to perform his intended role whether you are with him or not. You are a bonus for him and can enhance his task through his influence. But if you don't measure up, he will pass you by. In the last few weeks of Watertown, it

should have become clear to you how a few good men in the news media can wield the truth and move a nation to action. In the days ahead the media will be crucial. And I mean MEDIA in 1000 ft. high red caps. He is MEDIA. Do you get the picture?

Exteriorly he seems rather cold and arrogantly detached. He can be ruthlessly efficient and he expects the same discipline of others that he demands of himself. I don't think that you will really like him at first. But when you meet him something will go click in your head. You will never feel you really understand him, but you will always marvel at the way he shows you how to look at life.

Now — there is an awful lot of work to do to get you in shape for him. You can stay the way you are (in which case your friends will still love you) but he will not look twice. Or you can start disciplining yourself and take responsibility for fulfilling your best possible destiny. He is very disciplined and very controlled. You must match him, or he will not respect you. Respect is a key word here — this is why he is still unattached. For example, no matter what when you first meet him, he may (if he is feeling in the mood) ask you go to bed with him. First, ask him why should you go to bed with him. Then, what ever it is, tell him his reason isn't good enough. He will like that. A man like him gets too many easy lays. But if you are not ready for him, he will go no further. Ah, but I'm getting ahead of myself.

To start you on a plan of discipline let me outline a few crucial steps:

1. Lose weight — first get down to 115 and stabilize. Depending on how you look and feel we can decide what you should be, but never higher than 120.

2. Start studying English, European and World history and literature (since they fit hand in hand). After a good basis you might branch out into philosophy. Without this background, you will not be able to discuss deeply with him. It will also help you guide him in his task.

3. Connected with above — take a course and get that *degree*. He will regard your laxity in this area as *sloth* (one of the seven sins).

4. Start looking for a job. (Also sloth.) You are not properly engaged in your craft.

5. Clothes — start looking while you're dieting. You don't need a lot — just the right ones. After all, you don't put a Da Vinci in a dime store frame.

6. Celibacy — remember what said about easy lays. Also, when you *do* finally go to bed with him, you will want to be healthy and tight as a virgin.

Now I very much want you to come and stay with Gregory and me for a few days or a week in July. There is so much I wish to talk to you about and I think that you need to get away from the whole Boston scene.

When you come I will tell you all about the wedding and our honeymoon to Europe. I am so very happy, and I want you to be happy too. Let me know *when* you are going to come. I will not accept a refusal.

Love,

HARRIET

## My dear Harriet:

June 21, 1973

Really!

That little ditty you sent me is the single most pompous, ridiculous, fantasy-ridden, *sexist* closed-minded, rural piece of shit I have ever seen in my life! Where the fuck to you get off telling me what *my* life is like, where *my* sexuality lies, what *my* emotions are like, what *I* must do to live up to *your* Midwest, half assed, destructive, suppressive image of me. You sounded like a 63 year old matron

## NEXT WEEK

*Beginning issue #19, on this page will appear a new feature "FORUM." GCN, in its effort to provide a true forum of opinion for the New England area, will bring together, on this page, a sample of representative ideas from individuals in this community on a specific issue of importance. Readers will be encouraged to submit material for upcoming topics, respond in print to the opinions expressed on this page, and to propose topics for us to explore together. Presently planned topics include such areas as: the usage of the term "faggot"; monogamous relationships; the place of the gay bar in the community; bisexuality; sexism; and many, many more. That's "Forum" — starting next week!*



patronizing some dumb shit little piece of fluff, telling her "We know what is best." Aw, Harriet, knock it off! You've been sitting in a ditsy shit small town in the Midwest, living your precious little life with your precious little fairy tales about what life is all about. You have been exposed (by your own admission) to little of value. Bloomington, Indiana? That is your perspective for telling me "all the answers" for my life? Don't make me laugh any more than I already have.

Let's go through your massive missive step by step, shall we? First off, about that "anguish, pain and confusion engulfing" me — Huh? I wrote you a basic confused letter, saying that all kinds of things have been happening in my life and things hadn't yet quieted down to a dull roar. You've gotten loads of those letters from me in the past and never quite overreacted like you did this time. The difference was my admission of my true sexuality. Suddenly I was in anguish. Funny — I never noticed it.

The matter of my not being gay I'll discuss later. It's far too juicy to go into right now. Now, with "the irrational loss of a deeply beloved." I didn't know Jimmy had died. Why didn't you tell me? Why didn't he tell me? The truth is that I didn't lose him: we simply decided not to get married. The reason was simply — we're both gay and what the hell do we want to get married for? If I do get married, it's going to be to a *woman* — that's a female, the one without the penis (just like you). Jimmy and I decided not to get married one night at a terribly dramatic moment — he was eating a ham and cheese sub and I was eating an egg salad sub. We looked at each other, almost simultaneously asked, "Why are we getting married?" "I don't know." "Ok, let's not get married." "Ok — you want some salt for your sub?" Oh, the pain and anguish of it all!

Jimmy and I are just as close as before, if not closer. We don't need the artificial institution of marriage to keep us together. We have real love and a deep caring for each other not dependent on sexual relations. That is a true interpersonal relationship and one that isn't going to falter or fall apart. As for the "other man" — Richard is a *love*. He is one of the most wonderful, beautiful human beings I've ever had the privilege of meeting. He is a strong, gentle person who has been a joy to know.

Next!! Quite frankly, my *dear* (semantic condescension is *such* a bore), neither you nor anyone else has "allowed" me to live this life of "sin and debauchery." Neither you nor the saintly Scotty of fame and legend have any hold over my life. The way a person learns about life is to *live* it, fully and openly, without preconceptions. (That includes sexual ones, *dear*.) That's what I've been doing and that's what I'll continue to do. The track I am on is one of my own doing, the direction of my own  
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choice. I am not "off the track" of my destiny. That's impossible. Your destiny is what you make it, not what falls into your lap. I've been living a full, open, gratifying life, filled with people, events, emotions; satisfying, fulfilling, creative work; wonderful sex; and the glory of discovering my own strengths and truths. Can you say the same?

I do not quite know how to adequately discuss this next section of the letter, because there is so much to it. Ahemmmmm "The Man." Subtitle: how to suppress yourself to gratify a male ego — necessary because he can't put up with you as a complete human being. Mold myself to meet his needs and expectations! Play hard to get with my vagina! Don't be an easy lay! Work to "match him or he won't respect you." HARRIET! Where the fuck are you coming from? You sound like Helen Gurley Brown telling all the addle-brained secretaries 26 rules on how to get your man! SEXIST! I should change the direction of my life, conform to some unknown man's expectations so that I can bear him the proper child and live happily ever after? "You will never feel you really understand him, but you will always marvel at the way *he shows you how to look at life.*" Now, *read* that, Harriet, and read it closely. I look at life myself, from my own perspective and vantage point, as a functioning, full, powerful *woman*! Do you know what that last word means? You often mention women's n. Do you know what it's all about? Look at yourself! You left a highpay job in Chicago, your friends and your life there to live in Bloomington, Indiana, to be with your man. You have admitted time and time again that you hate Bloomington and the closed-mind people; you despise your job; you have no friends; no one is intelligent enough to talk to; you are stagnating; you are taking *accounting* courses you hate; you are stifled, bored, depressed, unhappy — and why??? SO YOU CAN BE WITH YOUR MAN!! You gave up your life to be Greg's woman. It's even legal now. God! I was just telling Jimmy that I hoped you'd break away and start living again when I got the letter about your wedding. OK, Greg's not a bad guy. But I wonder — how would he stand up to competition? Would you still feel this way about him if you hadn't suffocated yourself for the last year? If you dare to progress as a human being, will he be able to take it? If he progresses will you be able to take it? Life is a constant challenge, Harriet, and when you cease to be challenged, you start to die. Your funeral started when you moved to Bloomington. And you lecture to me about *my* life. Harriet, my DEAR, you are a disappointment.

Ah, yes, the best for last. The six point road to the man of my dreams. I cannot adequately describe the laughter this section is greeted with every time it is read or quoted to my friends. My dear child, you really made an ass of yourself. "*We* can decide what your weight should be." What are you going to do? Psychically amp up my thyroid? What you are saying is that I should resulpt my entire body and mind to match the Playboy/Cosmo image of femininity. Study, so I can "discuss deeply with him." Measure up to *his* opinion of me, his ideas and goals (my sloth, that *deadly* sin). Da Vinci in a dimestore frame?!! And the absolute pinnacle of pompous, sexist, small-town (GOD — there isn't even a word for it!) drivel

"CELIBACY — Remember what I said about easy lays" (where's your level of consciousness at with that phrase???). "Also, when you do finally go to bed with him, you will want to be (are you ready?) *HEALTHY AND TIGHT AS A VIRGIN!*" Whoopee! My vagina is just hanging there, flopping around from all the dildoes we lesbians use! — My God, it's big enough to hold a water balloon! A filled water balloon! The jolly green giant must have slept here! Look, Ma, I can jump rope with it! Quick, get the sewing machine; I have to put darts in it!! Nothing men hate worse than a sloppy vagina!!!

HARRIET!!!!

By now you have a good idea of how outraged I was when I received that package of shit. Your timing was excellent — I got it as I was leaving for the Gay Pride march. I read as far as the part about me not being gay when I put it away in disbelief. Later, when I read the whole thing, I was incredulous. I didn't believe that anything so insane, scared and threatened could have been written by anyone I knew. *Then* I got mad. People wondered why I led the cheers and chants in the front of the march. Hell — I was shouting my voice out at all the scared, hung up, paranoid homophobes (people who fear homosexuals) gathered on the sidewalks — because they were all *you*, Harriet.

You and your ilk. The presumption. The gall. The pompous prejudice you showed is what all gay people are fighting against. The inference that I can't be happy (as you are) unless I am happy with a man.

Not that you have any right to know, but I happen to be happier than I've ever been in my life. I have a fine, warm, beautiful lover. She is a strong, proud *woman* who accepts me as I am and who I accept for what she is. She doesn't ask that I study English, European and World history. She doesn't demand that I lose weight and change my clothes. She is interested in one thing — me. And an honest, open, loving relationship without bullshit or role definitions. I feel the same way. **We are not the stereotyped butch and femme.** Good God — when are people going to realize that stereotypes are false, empty representations that bear little or no relationship to reality. We are two people who love each other and will follow that as far as it goes. We don't have sex — we make love, which is more than I can say for most men I've met. We truly care about each other. And we don't need the sanctioning of church, state or Scotty to cement our relationship.



Sloth? I've never been busier in my life! I'm a media person, remember? Homosexuals in the past have been put down by the media, laughed at and thoroughly discredited as functioning human beings. The way to change that is by media representation, fair, accurate, consistent representation. And baby, that's what I'm fighting for. I have the background and now I have the anger to take on all of this fucking, messed up society and show them the truth about their lives and ours. I am fighting for and with my gay brothers and sisters — uniting against an oppression that extends beyond history. Homosexuality was originally illegal because it was against the necessary procreation. Overpopulation wasn't a problem and people had to breed to remain strong. Church, government and individuals joined the bandwagon and as a result, for centuries homosexuals have been burned at the stake, buried alive, confined to dungeons, persecuted, mocked, pitied, denied human rights, treated like bastard children and destined to misery and hate because of the self righteous, all knowing society of straights. Why is all of this heaped on homosexuals? Because we dare to show love for members of our own sex. Ridiculous, isn't it? Love, to be legal, must be only between man and woman, within the bounds of holy matrimony, in the missionary position for reasons of procreation only (if enforced, that would make you and Greg illegal, too). This society is so SICK.

People ask me why I am gay. I usually ask them why they are straight. It is assumed that, because one way is prevalent, accepted and recognized, that is the way all people will go. It takes guts to be gay. Correction: it takes guts to admit you're gay and do something about it. Because I knew I would come up against small minded bigots like you (sorry, but right now you are hardly one of my favorite people) I suppressed myself for years. I refused to recognize and acknowledge the truth about myself and where my true attraction was. I suppressed myself because "lesbian" was big bad butch and I was little Miss Good, and never the twain shall meet. Only when I realized that I had been *taught* to believe lesbian was bad, that society had ingrained that idea in me and I had accepted it and internalized it as my own perception — only then could I wipe out the stereotypes in my own mind and start evaluating for myself. Then I realized that homosexuality is not bad or evil. That society is afraid, scared, armored against believ-

ing that men can love each other, or women can love each other. It's the old role model trip. Men are dominant, women are passive. For men to show emotion or tenderness is bad; for them to love each other, feel true emotions and passions for each other, is sick. And what woman would pass up the chance for the ecstasy of a penis inside her? What woman would be dumb, ignorant, degenerate enough to pass that by for the company of another weak, dependent woman? Roles, roles! Agh! They are all so sick, so fucking out of line with what people really are, what they're meant to be. *This woman* loves another woman and she is neither weak nor dependent. She is a true, full partner in life. For as long as the relationship lasts, we're in it together.

As for my "sloth" — I am doing half-inch videotaping; producing public access programs for the gay community; acting in a gay liberation documentary/history (Coming Out!); writing for a gay newspaper; Tonight Jimmy and I (I resurrected him for the occasion) are MCing a variety show for Gay Pride Week. I am writing press material for gay groups and am chairperson of Gay Media Action, a group which gets air time for gays and watches TV/radio/newspapers/magazines for anti-gay shit. SLOTH!!!! Don't make me laugh.

Do you get the point? The "Boston scene," as you call it, suits me just fine. It is exciting, stimulating, full and rich and vital. I have a cause I'm fighting for and I'll put my entire eclectic communications background to work on it. We homosexuals have been put down for too long, by ourselves and others. And we aren't going to put up with it any more!

As for women's liberation, here's a quote from the show. It's part of a "ZAP" speech given at the Congress to Unite Women:

"I have met many, many feminists who were not lesbians, but I have never met a lesbian who was not a feminist. Straight women by the millions have been sold the belief they must subordinate themselves to men, accept less pay for equal work, and do all the shit work around the house. I have met straight women who would die to preserve their chains. I have never met a lesbian who believed that she was innately less rational or capable than a man: who swallowed one word of the 'women's role' horseshit."

Do you really believe in women's liberation, Harriet? Or is that just a convenient, right-on label you use to protect your own subservience? Tell me, Harriet, why are you so threatened by the simple fact that I am a lesbian? Are you afraid that I will attack you and rape you the next time we meet (if ever we do meet again)? Or are you afraid that something in yourself is capable of responding to a woman? I was terrified of that fact for years, until I learned that there is nothing to be afraid of. I am not a man. I do not go around forcing myself sexually upon other women as most men do. I respect my straight friends for their sexual beliefs — and I expect the same from them. Condescension is not friendship, and there is no way I could mistake one for the other. "You can stay the way you are (in which case your friends will still love you) . . ." No thank you, Mrs. Benson.

In closing, I quote another of those speeches. It says it all so well:

"What is a lesbian? A lesbian is the rage of all women condensed to the point of explosion. Lesbian is the word, the label, the condition that holds women in line. When a woman hears this word tossed her way, she knows she is stepping out of line. Lesbian is a label invented by "the Man" to throw at any woman who dares to be his equal, who dares to challenge his prerogatives, who dares to assert the primacy of her own needs. For in this sexist society, for a woman to be independent means she can't be a *woman* — she must be a *dyke*. Woman and person are contradictory terms. For a lesbian is not considered a "real woman." Being a "woman" is to get fucked by a man."

I am a woman. A real, functioning, strong, — hell — *powerful* woman. And neither you nor the rest of this messed up society has heard the last from me yet.

Good luck in Bloomington.

LORETTA



# The Tag in the fifth row

A commentary on area entertainment of gay interest

by Jonathan Cross

## THE KILLING JAN

Now playing out its Boston run at the Colonial is a big-name, high-powered, heavily bankrolled thriller by Ira Levin called Veronica's Room. Producer Morton Gottlieb, doubtless still counting his Sleuth profits, obviously wants to do it again.

Like Sleuth, Veronica is laced and laden with victimization, class distinctions, identity games, and masked characters in double and even triple roles. Both plays

are structured accretively, dropping a series of clues pointing towards an overwhelming truth - finally and tortuously revealed. Unfortunately, this time the Sleuth formula doesn't work. Mr. Levin is overcome by his creaking Gothic conventions, a palpably ridiculous plot, and by his own failure to touch us, or to deal with any reality outside his tenuous, frothing malignancy.

Still, the names, the talents, the professionals are all there, and a New York opening is planned after Veronica closes here on the 20th. Eileen Heckart, in an elaborate triple role, has some fine bitchy moments (remember her as the Smother in Butterflies are Free?). She seems born to the part, or parts, so easily does she

project her fragile, barely controlled hysteria.

Both Miss Heckart and her characters, though, seem to shrink from the play's vulgar and repellant denouement. For unlike, say, Tennessee Williams, Levin will not pause to root his characters' warped or damaged sensibilities in any humane past. The entire play hangs on a flimsy incident of ghoulish, violent sexuality - a simple bombastic rhetorical gesture. Thus, with sympathy and motive drained away, Levin's study in self-delusion and terror resolves itself into a meaningless series of sensationalisms: incest, necrophilia, and the requisite gratuitous nude scene.

Ellis Rabb, the Important-New York-Director, manages to move everyone around with a minimum of confusion, and Miss Heckart's supporting cast is competent, though Regina Baff is an oddly graceless ingenue and Kipp Osborne's young lawyer is stiff and a bit shrill. Both youngsters are relentlessly upstaged by Arthur Kennedy's endless supply of sinister tics and his glinting, malevolent eye.

A final word about Douglas Schmidt's lavish period set. All art-deco and 30's elaboration, it looks like the wet dream of a gay funeral director, and it quite steals the show.

1970 - catchy sing-a-long, great beat, but over-played. TDN's biggest seller.

6). "Lola" - Kinks. Ray Davies really did it with this one. The line "Boys will be girls & Girls will be boys" made this song.


7). "Nights in White Satin" - Moody Blues. Justin Haywards' singing & Mike Pinder's moog & mellotron; plus the spiritual musicianship, make this a definite Top Ten song.

8). "Colour My World" - Chicago. An album cut that received great exposure - a truly beautiful song.

9). "A Day In A Life" - Beatles. The counter-culture's summation of all the things young people represent.

10). "Brown Sugar" - Rolling Stones. It seems that every year the Stones have a hit single. Next to "Satisfaction", this is probably their 2nd best-selling single.

There are many songs that could qualify as Top Ten material: hopefully some people will approve of mine.



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# MEDIA MESSAGE

MEDIA MESSAGE....

by Loretta Lotman

Well, at least gay people have been getting media attention in the recent past, for better or (more likely) worse. Parade Magazine, that bastion of middle-class morality, was asked if Janis Joplin was a lesbian. They launched a trade that she "...was an alcoholic, a heroin addict, a bisexual--a study in stardom, degradation and penitence." Penitence? About what? the booze, smack, or sex? Or did her alleged homosexuality drive her to the degradation? Strange, the associations in the minds of straight people.

Ann Landers continued her battle against gay people last week, though she was trying in her own way to be nice to us. A reader agreed with her stand on homosexuality, citing the Chicago gay pride march as an example of our craziness and describing with apparent relish the men in drag. He seemed to ignore everyone else in the parade (there must have been some people not in drag) and focused on the dresses, boas, etc. (Kind of makes you wonder where his head is at.) In her reply, Granny Annie mildly took him to task, saying that all groups have their "lunatic fringe" and that some gay people are really soft spoken and well mannered individuals. Yassuh, Miz Landers! Some of us queers is reeeeeee quiet 'bout our preeeeeeeversion. Bullshit! This is almost worse than her outright attacks.

Locally, Dear Beth (wife of editor Tom Winship) in the Globe

keeps telling teenage girls that, just because they are attracted to other girls does not mean they are homosexuals. OK, that may be true in some instances. But what about teenage girls who REMAIN attracted to other girls? Beth has never offered alternative advice for teenagers who happen to be homosexuals and need help. She seems to think everyone is just "going through a phase" and will grow into full heterosexual maturity.

On the other hand (thank heaven for that other hand) there was an excellent episode on "Medical Center." featuring Lois Nettleton as a lesbian psychiatrist. In one marvelous scene, the straight doctor who has been putting the make on her confronts her with the "terrible rumor." She not only admits her homosexuality proudly, she defends herself as a person, a professional and a woman. I personally consider this program superior to the highly touted "That Certain Summer" and will do my best to notify the world when it is rebroadcast.

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3). "Light My Fire" - Doors. This song gave the Doors & Jimmy Morrison the recognition they needed to climb to the Top.

4). "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" - Simon & Garfunkel. One of the most beautiful ballads ever sung or written. A young peoples' anthem.

5). "Joy To The World" - Three Dog Night. Number 1 of



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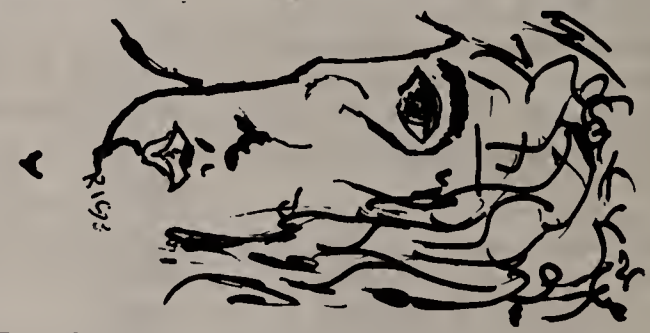
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  - Lesbian Liberation (c/o Women's Ctr.) 354-8807
  - Metropolitan Community Church/Boston 266-7491
  - Prospect Place 267-9150
  - Fr. Paul Shanley 267-0764
- WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS (area code 413)

  - Amherst Gay Hotline (men & women) 545-0154
  - Everywoman's Center (Amherst) 545-0883
  - Gay People's Hour Radio (Amherst) 546-5176
  - Southwest Women's Center (Amherst) 545-0626
  - UMass-Amherst Student Homophile League 545-0154
- RHODE ISLAND (area code 401)

  - Homophile Community Health Service 274-4737
  - Metropolitan Community Church (Providence) 831-3773
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